



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	11VAC10-140-40, 11VAC10-140-60
Regulation title	Flat Racing
Action title	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to Prohibitions and Changing Equipment
Final agency action date	April 27, 2010
Document preparation date	May 11, 2010

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

These amendments make it clear that the commission veterinarian or his designee is permitted to touch a horse while in the paddock and to require the permission of the stewards to add or discontinue the use of equipment that restricts vision or affects performance.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On April 27, 2010, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11VAC10-140-40 (Prohibitions) and 11VAC10-140-60 (Changing equipment) at its regular monthly meeting.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

This action will not have an impact on the institution of the family or family stability.